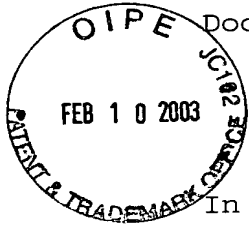


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**AMENDMENT**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office  
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